

# Summary

## City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

February 5, 2007  
6:00 p.m.

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Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Wayne Garner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Councilmember Peter Balega, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Rusty Gray and Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer.

At this time Mayor Garner announced that in the future the agenda item which permitted citizen comments would be moved towards the top of the agenda.

### II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Byrd offered the invocation.

### III. MINUTES

**Motion by Councilmember Gray seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2007 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion passed (5-0).**

### IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

#### 1. 2007 Election Qualifying Fees

City Manager Casey Coleman reported that the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 21-2-131 requires that qualifying fees be established for the November 2007 General Election by February 1, 2007. The fees are to be established at 3% of the total gross salary of the office paid in the preceding calendar year. The offices coming up for election on the City Council are Wards III, IV and the Mayor. The offices coming up for election on the School Board are Wards I, IV and one at-large seat. Based on the formula outlined above, the qualifying fees are as follows:

Council Member	\$ 108.00
Mayor	\$ 180.00
School Board	\$ 54.00

As required by law, the schedule was published in the Times Georgian prior to February 1, 2007. With no further discussion, **Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to adopt the 2007 Election Qualifying Fees as presented. Motion passed (5-0).**

Mayor Garner invited citizen comments at this time.

### VII. Citizen Comments

Annie Boykin expressed appreciation to Councilmember Byrd, City Manager Coleman and staff for their efforts in removing a bush blocking the view of traffic.

**Dillard Buchanan** inquired about EPD's approval of the water membrane project and funds available to build a presettling pond.

**Fred O'Neil** presented a plaque (Salute to Luther Vandros Ball) to Gerald Byrd for his contributions to the community.

**Mrs. Greg Cole** resident of Almon Street expressed disappointment in the City's decision to no longer enforce the no parking zone on Almon Street. Mayor Garner stated that unfortunately there were no good solutions to the issue.

## **2. Renaming of Jersey Street to Marvin Walker Street**

Councilmember Byrd presented for consideration a request by the Place of Refuge Church located on Jersey Street to rename Jersey Street to "A Place of Refuge Street".

Councilmember Byrd stated he had polled residents on the dead end street and received no objections. Being no further discussion on the matter, ***motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Gray to rename Jersey Street to "A Place of Refuge Street". Motion passed (5-0).***

## **3. Plowshare Road Site Report (Slater Barr)**

Mr. Barr was not in attendance and the item was not addressed.

## **4. WasteWater Treatment Plant Aerator Bids**

Assistant City Manager Tim Grizzard reported that due to the operational difficulties that were experienced at the Carrollton Wastewater Treatment Plant last summer, city staff hired the engineering firm of Hazen and Sawyer to analyze the existing plant configuration. The report from the engineers determined what modifications were needed to assure that the septicity issues would not reoccur. In addition, the results of their analysis reflected that the Carrollton WWTP has significantly less basin aeration than is necessary to properly operate the plant during hot weather. ACM Grizzard noted that Hazen and Sawyer were commissioned to design an improved aeration system which will utilize 24, 40 hp floating aerators. City staff opened sealed bids for the floating aerators on January 30, 2007. The results of these bids are as follows:

Seimens Water Technology, Roscoe, IL - \$306,348.00

Aqua Turbo Systems, Springdale, AR - \$256,270.00

Aqua Aerobic Systems, Rockford, IL - \$302,835.28

ACM Grizzard pointed out that bids had been evaluated for compliance with the bid specification. The apparent low bidder, Aqua Turbo Systems, meets the specification fully. ACM Grizzard stated that is was the recommendation of city staff and management that the Mayor and Council award the floating aerator bid to Aqua Turbo Systems of Springdale Arkansas in the amount of \$256,270.00. Following a brief discussion, ***Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to award the project to the apparent low bidder of Aqua Turbo Systems for \$256,270.00. Motion passed (5-0).***

## **5. Esco Way, LLC Payback Agreement**

ACM Grizzard reported that the Developer for Grayton Landing has approached the City of Carrollton and proposed a payback agreement for the installation of an off-site gravity sewer extension. The off-site extension will involve the installation of 2500' of 12" gravity

sewer from Esco Way to the existing gravity sewer southeast of Highway 61 near Sassafras Way. This will include a road bore of Highway 61. This type of agreement has been successfully utilized by other utilities in the past to extend the sanitary sewer collection system with no capital outlay by the utility owner. ACM Grizzard further noted that it had been explained to the developer that the City would consider a payback agreement if he would upsize the off-site extension from the 8" line that he needs to a 12" line that will accommodate future development. The proposed conditions of the agreement are as follows:

- Payback is limited to the cost of construction for the qualifying off-site extension only and said cost must be reasonable and customary.
- The portion of the off-site extension within 1000' of the existing line does not qualify.
- The payback shall be 50% of the sewer tap fee collected for any new structure within 1000' of the qualifying segment of the off-site extension or any of the lots of the Graton Landings subdivision.
- The City will collect the tap fees and will rebate the amount owed to the developer every six (6) months.
- The payback agreement is limited to 10 years from the date the agreement is signed.
- The payback agreement is void if the off-site extension is not completed within 2 years of the date the agreement is signed.

ACM Grizzard stated that it is the recommendation of City Staff that the Mayor and Council authorize City Management to enter into a contract with Esco Way, LLC for the payback of the cost of the offsite extension of gravity sewer for the Grayton Landing project with the conditions listed presented. Following a brief discussion, **Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to authorize City Management to enter into a contract with Esco Way, LLC for the payback of the cost of the offsite extension of gravity sewer for the Grayton Landing project with the conditions listed presented. Motion passed (5-0).**

## **6. Highway 61 Project Pipe Purchase**

ACM Grizzard reported that the Highway 61 gravity sewer project will need approximately 25,000 feet of 16" diameter ductile iron pipe. ACM Grizzard noted that it was to the City's advantage to supply the pipe for this project and save the contractor's material markup (which is traditionally 15%) plus the 7% sales tax. The major ductile iron piping companies, American Cast Iron Pipe Company (ACIPCO) and United States Pipe (U.S. Pipe) will give their preferred clients a better price if the product pricing is negotiated and not publicly bid. The Douglasville Water and Sewer Authority (WSA) has negotiated pipe pricing with ACIPCO for the last several years and were given prices significantly lower than any bid price. American has given the City of Carrollton the WSA pricing which has been used on several of the smaller projects and has saved the City significant funding. This pricing generally increases each year as the price of scrap steel increases. ACIPCO has further agreed to hold its 2005-2006 price for the Highway 61 project which is \$22.48 per foot. This amounts to \$562,000 for the total price of the project, based on 25,000 feet. If the City does not take delivery of the pipe by the end of March 2007, the price will increase to the 2006-2007 rate of \$25.64 per foot. These prices will be good through June 30, 2007.

It is believed that if the City bids the pipe for this project the cost per foot will exceed \$28; therefore, by accepting the ACIPCO offer of \$22.48 the total project savings is in excess of \$100,000. If the pipe is furnished by the contractor, the increase could be as high as \$300,000. ACM Grizzard stated that based on the pricing mentioned, it is the staff's recommendation that the pipe for the Highway 61 sewer line project be purchased from ACIPCO at the pricing quoted. It is further recommended that, when it is in the City's best interest, the City purchase pipe from American Cast Iron Pipe Company at the rates addressed. Councilmember Byrd inquired about the issue in regards to the Public Works Bidding laws. City Attorney Conerly responded that the purchase of materials as staff had presented was acceptable under the law. Following a lengthy discussion, **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Gray to authorize City Management to purchase said pipe at the negotiated price as presented.** **Discussion: The question was raised how long this authorization is good. ACM Grizzard stated that the request to renegotiate would occur annually since the price is subject to change on an annual basis. Motion passed (5-0).**

## **V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Councilmember Balega:** Inquired about City-wide traffic study and possible parking in the evenings and weekends on Newnan Street. Councilmember Balega offered to give quarterly reports from the Carroll County Water Authority.

**Councilmember Byrd:** Expressed appreciation to City Manager Casey Coleman and Housing Authority Director Sandra Morris.

**Mayor Garner:** Announced the appointment of Tracy Stallings to the Carrollton Housing Authority replacing Mary Covington.

## **VI. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Addressed earlier in the agenda.

## **VIII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.